

### NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM

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Field Code Ellefson School/Holt TWP

SITS# 32 AD 178

**SITE IDENTIFICATION**

Map Quad Hettinger North  
Map Quad \_\_\_\_\_

Site Name Ellefson School  
Site Name \_\_\_\_\_

LTL	TWP	<u>130</u>	R	<u>96</u>	SEC	<u>16</u>	QQQ	<u>8</u>	QQ	<u>8</u>	Q	<u>8</u>
LTL	TWP	_____	R	_____	SEC	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____
LTL	TWP	_____	R	_____	SEC	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____
LTL	TWP	_____	R	_____	SEC	_____	QQQ	_____	QQ	_____	Q	_____

UTM \_\_\_\_\_ N ZONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 UTM \_\_\_\_\_ E NAD 1927 \_\_\_\_\_ NAD 1983 \_\_\_\_\_

Subsection:
1 = N½
2 = E½
3 = S½
4 = W½
5 = NE¼
6 = SE¼
7 = SW¼
8 = NW¼

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Name: 4th St SW and 7th Ave NW (rural)

Urban Legal Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**SITE DATA**

Total # **Architectural** Features: 1

Fieldwork Date: 11/21/2009

Reconnaissance Survey  Intensive Survey

**Project Title & Supervisor:**

Country Schoolhouse Survey Project  
Lorna Meidinger, Architectural Historical, SHSND

**Report Title & Author(s):**

Bonnie Smith, vice-president, Dakota Buttes Historical Society/Museum, Hettinger, ND  
Howard Nelson, Adams County Commissioner, Hettinger, ND

Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>SHSND USE</b>				
Area of Significance	<u>2</u>	Ecozone	<u>23</u>	Verified Site <input type="checkbox"/>
Area of Significance	_____	Ecozone	_____	CR Type <u>2</u>
Area of Significance	_____	Ecozone	_____	Non-Site <input type="checkbox"/>

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**PAGE 2—Feature Data**

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**Complete one Page 2 for each architectural feature at the site.**

Architectural Feature # 1

Construction Date \_\_\_\_\_ Feature Type 9 Condition 4  
 Feature Date 3 Context 7 Plan Shape 5  
 Structural System 25 Primary Exterior 26 Style Gabled Front: Gabled L/T  
 Original Owner's Ethnicity 27 Secondary Exterior \_\_\_\_\_ Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information:

Foundation Unmortared prairie stone Stories 1

Window East - six single sash, double-hung (7th, boarded); west - three boarded; north - two boarded +

Roof/Cornice gabled, original cedar shingles

Dating Method(s): personal recollections of land owners +

**Feature Preservation Recommendation(s) (Check all that apply):**

- Individual nomination
- Contributes to a potential district
- No nomination potential
- Will not contribute to a district
- Potential district—feature would be a contributing element if other properties constitute a district
- Thematic nomination potential
- Component of a historic site or landscape
- Moved (specify all applicable choices)—a) relocation occurred within a historic period; b) recreates original site, orientation, landscape, & spatial relationships; c) compatible in context with neighboring structures; d) relocation has damaged eligibility
- Historical associations require further investigation

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**NDCRS ARCHITECTURAL SITE FORM****PAGE 3—Feature Data**Field Code Ellefson School/Holt TWPSITS# 32 AD**1. Feature Description, Integrity, Eligibility:**

Feature one is a south-facing, utilitarian gabled wooden structure (20' x 30') with an attached entry (4' x 5'). Evidence of white paint exists on the horizontal wooden siding. The structure sits on an unmortared prairie stone foundation.

Three boarded windows and a coal stove chimney hole are on the west side of the schoolhouse. An exhaust pipe on the west roof appears to be from propane heater-days.

The north exterior wall shows possible evidence of two windows, boarded up (see shadow of window frame). Six single sash, double-hung windows are on the east side of the structure, with evidence of a boarded-up seventh window.

To the left of the main room past the entry, three voting booths have been added at a later date.

The blackboard on the inside southwest wall gives evidence of a Korean agricultural specialist visiting the owners of the land, Dan and Gladys Merwin of Hettinger, ND, in 1978-79.

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PAGE 4—SITE DESCRIPTION**

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**Complete one Page 4 for the entire site.**

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2. Owner's Contact Information:

Dan and Gladys Merwin  
508 11th Ave. N.  
Hettinger, ND 58639

3. Access (to rural areas):

From Hettinger, ND, travel west on Highway 12 two miles. Turn right (north) on 3rd St SW. Cross the bridge. Drive five miles north on that section line. Turn west on 7th Ave NW. Travel west on 7th Ave NW one mile to 4th St SW. Turn south. Ellefson School is on the left.

4. Site Area (ft<sup>2</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

5. Site Description:

Ellefson School rests on the open prairie with section lines to the west and north. Shelterbelt trees are on the west side of the west section line. An electric power line crosses the land on the north.

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PAGE 5—SITE DESCRIPTION**Field Code Ellefson School/Holt TWPSITS# 32 AD**6. Summary of All Site Features & Evaluation of Site Significance:**

Though humble-looking, the Ellefson School was a vibrant community center for families in this area until the mid-twentieth century. Those who attended school there still speak of it with enthusiasm.

**7. References/Comments:**

Adams County Auditor Patricia Carroll,  
Landowners Dan and Gladys Merwin,  
Former Adams County Auditor Betty Svihovec  
Former student Mike Ellefson

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# MAP 11

T 130 & 129 N

R 96 W

JOINS MAP 3

ADAMS CO. LAND OWNER & RURAL RESIDENT MAPS

### Resident Locations

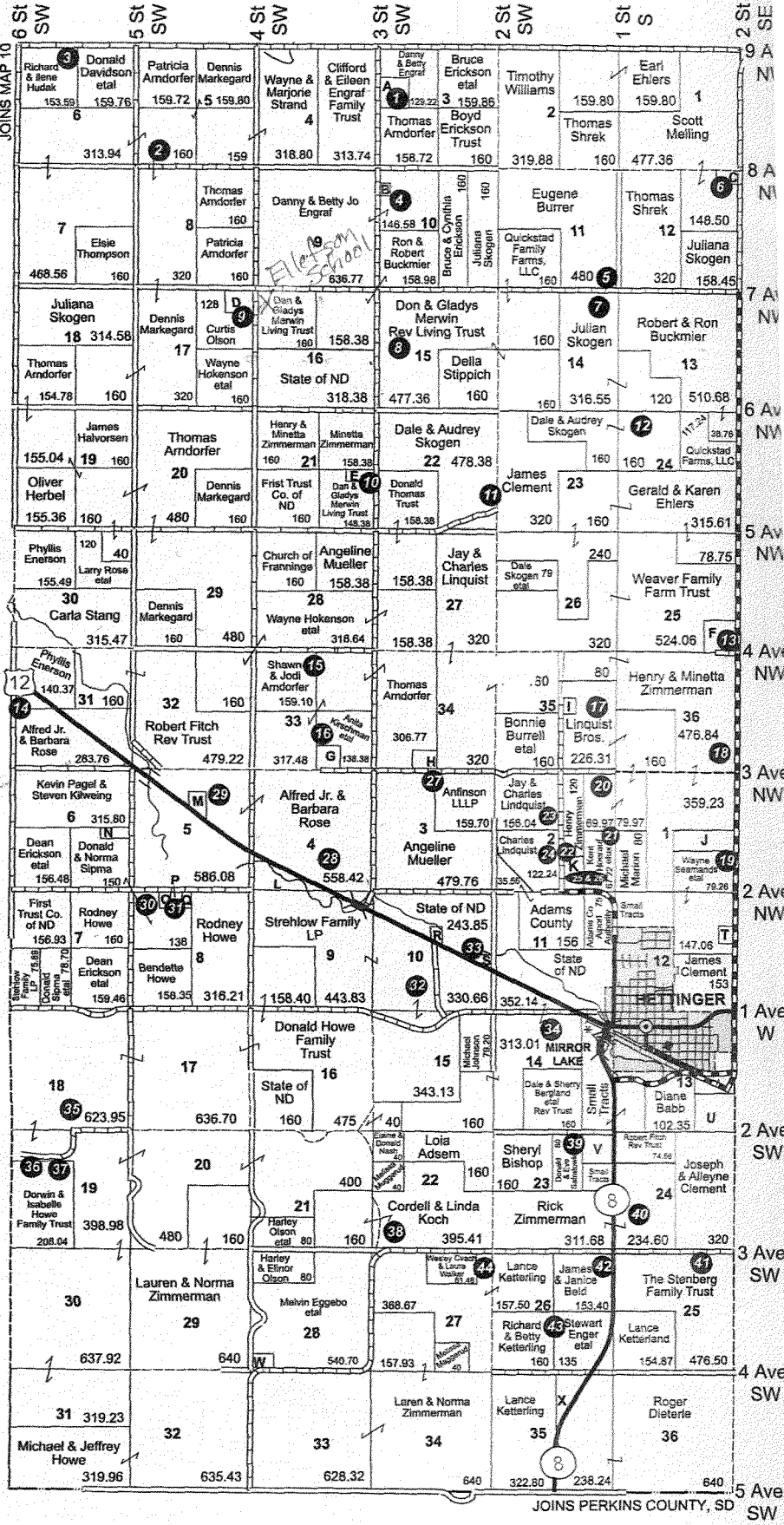
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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Danny Engraf       | 25 Charles Lindquist  |
| 2 Dennis Markegard   | 26 Jay Lindquist      |
| 3 Richard Hudak      | 27 Ted Uecker III     |
| 4 Kevin Ormiston     | 28 Angeline Mueller   |
| 5 Eugene Burrer      | 29 Alfred Rose Jr.    |
| 6 Wilfred Rosencrans | 30 Larry Sanders Sr.  |
| 7 Juliana Skogen     | 31 Kevin Pagal        |
| 8 Dan Merwin         | 32 Charles Mertz      |
| 9 Kevin Dangerud     | 33 Jeffrey Strehlow   |
| 10 Tom Marion        | 34 Adners Christensen |
| 11 Dale Skogen       | 35 Don Stecher        |
| 12 Rocky Ridge       | 36 Donald Howe        |
| 13 Ron Dragoo        | 37 Dorwin Howe        |
| 14 Greg Froelich     | 38 Jeffrey Howe       |
| 15 Shawn Amrdorfer   | 39 Cordell Kock       |
| 16 Duane Siewert     | 40 Donald Safratowich |
| 17 Ross Whitmer      | 41 Dennis Eckmann     |
| 18 Henry Zimmerman   | 42 Shane Manor        |
| 19 Donald Perri      | 43 Danian Timm        |
| 20 Alvin Whitmer     | 44 Richard Ketterling |
| 21 Kent Hoerauf      | 45 Lance Ketterling   |
| 22 Jeffrey Hallen    |                       |
| 23 Duane Fried       |                       |

### Small Tracts

- Section 3N A Danny Engraf - 29.50
- Section 10N B Kevin & Doreen Ormiston - 12.40
- Section 12N C Wilfred & Carole Rosencrans - 10
- Section 17N D Kevin Dangerud - 32
- Section 21N E Thomas & Linda Marion - 10
- Section 25N F Ronald & Brenda Dragoo - 31.69
- Section 33N G Duane & Virginia Siewert - 20
- Section 34N H Lindquist Bros. - 10
- Section 35N I Ross Whitmer - 13.69
- Section 1S J Donald & Coranne Perri - 38.60
- Section 2S K Ueckers Yards Inc. - 27
- Section 4S L Roy Markegard - 46.55
- Section 5S M Lary & Kay Sanders - 9.99
- Section 6S N Kevin Pagel et al - 10
- Section 8S O Kevin & Erick Pagel - 7
- P Warren & Shari Wick - 10
- Q Charles & Myrna Mertz - 5
- Section 10S R Thomas Shirek - 5
- S Anders & Inger Christensen - 11
- Section 12S T Michael Smotnikar - 6.47
- Section 13S U Joseph & Alleyne Clement - 40
- Section 23S V Dale Berkland et ux Trust - 34.13
- Section 28S W Melvin Eggebo - 7.83
- Section 35S X John Joyce - 48.61

HOLT TWP

HETTINGER TWP



R 98 W		R 97 W		R 96 W		R 95 W	
WESTSIDE	CARLING SPRINGS	CEOR	MAK	T 132 N			
MAP 1	MAP 2	MAP 3	MAP 4	MAP 5	MAP 6	MAP 7	MAP 8
LEMON	WOLF BUTTE	ROCKHORN	REDON BUTTE	CHANDLER	ROCK	CEOR BUTTE	ROCK
ROCK	BACKYAR	HOLE	DUCK CREEK	KANGAS CITY	DANIEL	SPRING BUTTE	SOUTH FORK
MAP 9	MAP 10	MAP 11	MAP 12	MAP 13	MAP 14	MAP 15	MAP 16
LOCHSBERG CREEK	HOLDER	REDFIELD	SCOTT	CLEGGERY	WELSHAP	NORTH LINDEN	OSAGE

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Complete one *Attachments Section* for the entire site. Include: Topographic map (with quad name and legal description), sketch map, photographs, and any other attachments.



South view

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*West view*

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North view

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*East view*

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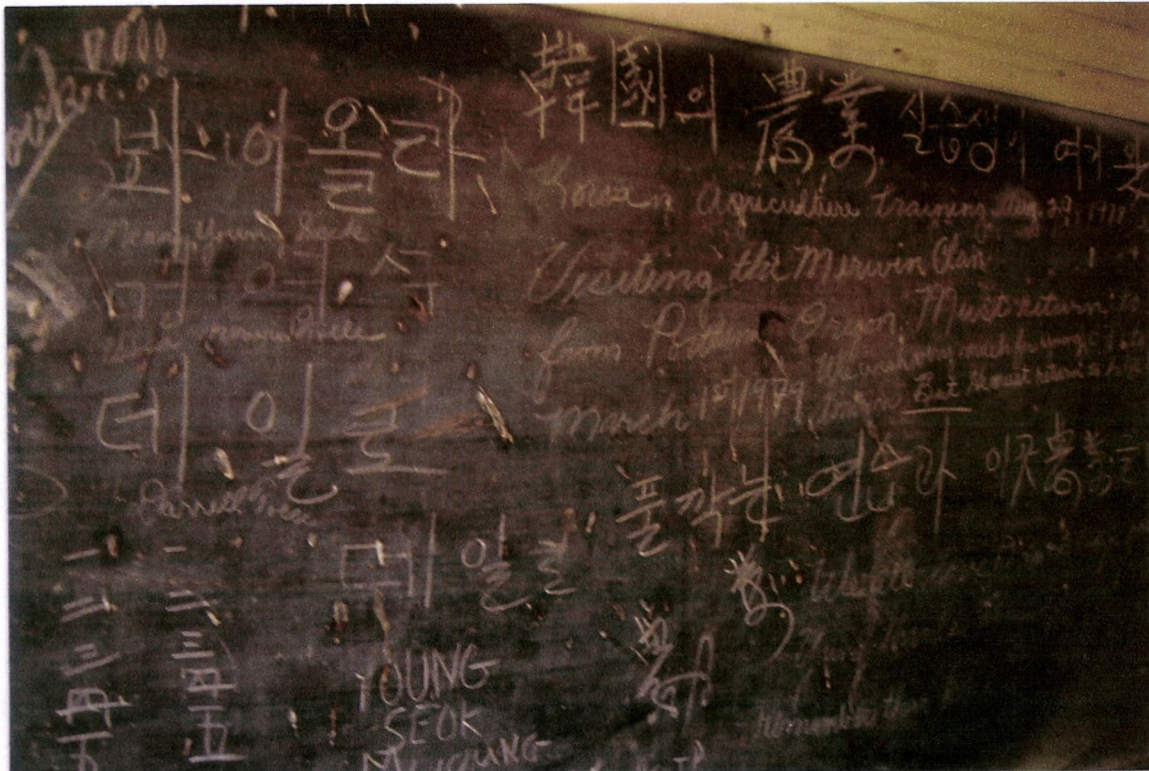


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*Interior, southwest wall blackboard*

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